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The very popular tourist destination called "Drielandenpunt" in Vaals, South/East Limburg. The lookout tower overlooks three countries, The Netherlands, Belgium and Germany. There is a maze, a restaurant, a large children's playground and from here many walking trails start. More details and pictures on the town of Vaals on pages 22-23.

Social Functions Calendar & Clubhouse Details

Below are the latest details of **events and activities** organised by Neerlandia and by the various Sub-Clubs.

September 2023

Sunday 10	<u>Sunday Drive</u> <i>Doors open 10.30am for Coffee.</i> <i>More details on page 19.</i>	11.00 am
Sunday 17	<u>The Dutch Singers at Araluen</u> <i>More details on page 8</i>	
Mon 4,11,18,25	<u>Billiard Club</u>	9.15 am
Wed 13,27	<u>Bingo</u>	11am
Thurs 7,14,21,28	<u>Neerlandia Thursday Night Cards</u>	7pm
Thurs 7,21	<u>Neerlandia Seniors' Club</u>	10am
Sat 2,9,16,23,30	<u>Dutch Singers</u> Morley Windmills	
Fri 28	<u>M & W Borrel</u> <i>(Event Cancelled)</i>	6.00pm

October 2023

Sunday 1	<u>Leiden's Ontzet</u> <i>(Held in Morley)</i> <i>(More details on page 8)</i>	
Sunday 15	<u>Neerlandia AGM in Morley</u> <i>(More details on pages 12 & 13)</i>	1.00pm
Mon 2,9,16,23,30	<u>Billiard Club</u>	9.15 am
Wed 11,25	<u>Bingo</u>	11am
Thurs 5,12,19,26	<u>Neerlandia Thursday Night Cards</u>	7pm
Thurs 5,19	<u>Neerlandia Seniors' Club</u>	10am
Sat 7,14,21,28	<u>Dutch Singers</u> Morley Windmills	
Fri 25	<u>M & W Borrel</u> Morley	6.00pm

November 2023

Sunday 10	<u>Sunday Drive</u> <i>(Event Cancelled)</i> <i>(More details on page 19)</i>	
Saturday 25	<u>Car Rally</u> <i>(Details next Magazine)</i>	
Sunday 26	<u>Christmas Lunch & Choir Concert</u>	

Club details:

Neerlandia is using the Rhein-Donau Clubhouse for most of their activities.

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The President's Report



President's Report.

Welcome once again dear members. Two very cold and wet wintery months have flown by and yet again there is so much to inform you about.

The two events in June for our Juniors were a great success and those who attended

thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

It is indeed very heartwarming that new ideas come forward, we work diligently towards creating a great day, and are rewarded with the thank-you's from those who attend. The Father's Day Movie Afternoon was relaxing yet captivating by two Dutch Movies.

The Silent Disco was a novel new idea but given the success it enjoyed, this event, or one similar to it, will be on the agenda again over the next 12 months.

It was an absolute delight and privilege to host a special dinner on the 25th of June in our old Clubhouse in Wembley. This was an evening to say thank you to the many volunteers that have made Neerlandia the success it is today. Amongst all these volunteers, there was one member who stood out head and shoulders above the rest. I know that all Neerlandia members would recognise that Piet Leeftang has given so much of his time to Neerlandia and is still active today with the Thursday Night Card Club, Monday Morning Billiard Club and of course as the editor for our Magazine.

It was therefore befitting that on this evening he was to be knighted with a special award from Koning Willem-Alexander of the Netherlands with a medallion, the "Ridder in de Orde van Oranje Nassau" by her excellency, the Dutch Ambassador to

Australia, Marion Derckx. See the special report within this magazine on pages 14-17. As mentioned in our last magazine, changes are occurring within the Rhein Donau Club. They have been active in recreating a Winter Scene as you walk into the Reception Area. A Winter feel was also present in the Beer Garden. A new water tap is available in the beer garden, which makes filling our kettle so much easier. They have also built a new storage facility for the beer kegs, especially necessary for their Oktoberfest. The Lego Club was active in having two figurines built out of Lego blocks which greeted us as we walked in for our Anniversary Lunch on 30th July 2023.

Our 54th Anniversary lunch was another outstanding success with over 110 people attending. See the special report in this magazine on pages 22 - 23.

Forthcoming events: -

1. Tiptoe Through the Tulips. On Sunday 17th of September. Together with the Araluen Botanical Gardens, Neerlandia is putting on a Cultural exhibition with the Dutch Singers performing Dutch as well as other songs. Food Trucks selling Dutch Treats will also be there. So make sure you put this date in your diary and plan a wonderful afternoon. More information on page 8 of this magazine.
2. On Sunday 1st October we will celebrate Leiden's Ontzet once again. We will have Hutspot, but unfortunately, as herring is so difficult to obtain around this time of year, we will have to settle for Rookworst instead. This year we again encourage people to dress up in period costume and a prize for the best dressed Male & Female will be awarded. (See page 9.)
3. AGM – 15th October – See special note in this magazine on page 12—13.

For those members who are currently ill, we wish you a speedy recovery to perfect health and look forward to seeing you back in our midst.

John Zwartkruis, President.

The Junior's Club held a Silent Disco

Silent Disco Night

On Friday 30th of June the doors were opened at the Morley Windmills Soccer Club in Embleton for some dance action. Our first ever Neerlandia Silent Disco was held with participants putting on a pair of headphones to listen to a choice of three different channels of music.



The party goers listened to a variety of 80's dance music, 2000's and a channel with old favourites and current dutch language songs.



Let's Go
Everybody...
Let's Dance!



Dancing the Macarena and the Nutbush, along with AC/DC, Goldband, André Hazes, Bløf, ABBA, Pink, Nena, Bon Jovi, André van Duin, INXS, Michael Jackson and so many more



The Junior's Club held a Silent Disco



A big thank you to Babette for always helping in the kitchen at Morley and keeping everyone well fed.



Time for een lekker Nederlands hapje.



Smoke machines, disco lights and glow sticks set the scene for the night.

Parents and those less energetic enjoyed the variety of music with singalongs at the tables.



The Junior's Club held a Silent Disco



The kitchen was in full swing serving delicious Dutch snacks of broodje kroket, bitterballen and of course Frikandel Speciaal. As the winter weather is amongst us, a hearty Potato and Leek soup was also available with a bread roll, courtesy of Nikita van Waaijenburg. The help of our volunteers in the kitchen as well as all the planning and logistics volunteers, is always greatly appreciated to make events like this possible for all our Neerlandia members and friends.



We look forward to a repeat event in the near future.



DUTCH Community Radio



**BROADCASTING IN THE DUTCH LANGUAGE
SUNDAY FROM 16:30 TO 18:00 ON 107.9FM
ENABLING THE DUTCH COMMUNITY TO REMAIN
CONNECTED WITH THEIR CULTURAL HERITAGE.**

Welcome to the latest exciting news from the Dutch Community Radio (DCR). What is the DCR? We noticed that there are many people who do not know that there is a weekly broadcast of 90 minutes, in the Dutch language, to enable the Dutch Community to stay connected with their cultural heritage. The programming and presentation are done by an enthusiastic group of volunteers who live in Perth and have a strong connection with the Netherlands. The programs are varied, with a diverse genre of music from a large library of Dutch songs to cater for all age groups.

Every week we bring to you a different topic. For example, the program on the first Sunday is put together by Irene Maarschall, coming all the way from Brisbane via a pre-recording. Irene will take you on a road trip through our native country with a large range of songs relating to the areas. Our Dutch Courage second Sunday is done by Karin Eastwood from her home here in City Beach. Karin has many years of knowledge about Dutch music through her contact with many artists and broadcasters. On the third Sunday, we bring you 1970's music which should bring back many memories for all of us. Robrecht's Radio Rubriek is a monthly broadcast with a unique change produced by our very dedicated Robrecht Herfkens. Robrecht brings a different swing in our repertoire by informing you about Dutch artists and events related to cabaret.

So don't miss our weekly Sunday broadcast now one hour earlier, from 16:30, via Radio Fremantle on the FM band at 107.9 or go to our website www.dutchradio.com.au to find the online link.

I already mentioned our enthusiastic group of volunteers, without them, there could not be any Dutch language broadcast. Currently, we have a few spots available for new team members. So, if you have a passion for music and like to keep in touch with the Dutch? This might be your chance. Our volunteers have so much fun with the production and presentation of the broadcasts, it is very fulfilling. All that is required is a commitment to come to the studio once a month. If you like to try it out, get in touch with the DCR by sending an email to dcr@dutchradio.com.au 'en kom het een keer uit proberen'.

Take care and make sure you give us a listen, remember DCR brings a welcome break in your day.

Peter v.d. Wedden.

Dutch Singers at Araluen & Christmas at the Tivoli

The Dutch Singers at Araluen.

Sunday 17th September 2023 from 11:30 am onwards, come and Tiptoe through the Tulips in Araluen Botanical Gardens.

The Dutch Singers will be performing and Food Trucks selling Dutch Treats will be on site to tickle your tastebuds. Come and make it a wonderful afternoon with your family and enjoy the beautiful tulips and other flowers, some Dutch Culture and Dutch Food.

Neerlandia will arrange for one Bus from the RDC in Myaree and another one from North of the river to take people to Araluen and back again. The pick-up location North of the river yet to be notified.

To get your seat on the bus and entry into the park, book your ticket for \$10.00 per seat.

Normal entry fees are:

Adult **\$20.00**

Concession **\$15.00**

Child (6 – 15 Years) **\$10.00**

Family 2 Adults & 3 Children **\$60.00**

Prices are per person and concession card holders must present a valid Australian Government Concession Card.

Important Notice: **On site: No Cash Sales, Electronic Payments only.**

Book your tickets through your Club Leaders or contact John Zwartkruis on 0434 920 252 or by email to terjohnz@gmail.com.



The Tivoli Club Presents



We have reserved a block booking of 70 seats for Sunday 12th Nov 2023.

Financial Dutch Club Members — \$7.00.

Non-Financial & Non members — \$17.00.

This includes Chicken & Chips at interval.

Doors open 11:30 AM & Show starts 12:00 Noon.

The Tivoli Theatre is located in a Heritage Listed Art Deco building opposite the Raffles Hotel in Applecross. Parking is nearby, also in Moreau Mew and paid parking in the Raffles Hotel basement.

Come and see our singers, dancers and comedians in our beautiful Art Deco Theatre in Applecross. We have a Chicken & Chips meal at interval. You are welcome to bring your own nibbles, as well as your own alcohol and glasses. We have a little shop where you can purchase water, cool drinks, crisps and lollies/chocolates.

Be quick and book your seats. Just like in previous years, tickets will sell out quickly!!!

Secure your tickets from John Zwartkruis 0434 920 252 or EMAIL. terjohnz@gmail.com



Dutch Club Neerlandia Presents Leiden's Ontzet



Sunday – 1st of October 2023

Wotton Reserve – Cnr Embleton & Broun Avenues, Embleton

Commencing – 12:30 PM – Lunch – Traditional Dutch food befitting the commemoration.

02:30 PM – Short Story about the siege around and liberation of Leiden 1574

03:00 PM – Judging of Best Dressed Male & Female in Period Costume.

Tickets: Members \$20 Non-Members \$40.

Tickets available from John Zwartkruis – Neerlandia Committee

Mobile 0434 920 252 or email terjohnz@gmail.com or

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We look forward to seeing all of you on that day.



The Bingo Pages



NEERLANDIA BINGO

Doors open at 10am. Eyes down at 11am.

Coffee and tea and biscuits are provided: Self-serve.

Game: Your book of 10 games cost you \$12.50.

Lunch: A bowl of soup and a bun will cost you \$7.50

Total cost: \$20.00 for a fun filled day out with plenty of opportunities to win part or all your money back.



Because we had a few distractions we failed to take a photo of the players that attended the game on the 21st of June, our apologies go to all those who were there and are not in this earlier shot.



Bingo played on 21/06/2023 at the RDC

We had a bit of excitement before everyone turned up, we were checking that we had all the balls in the barrel, and half of them landed on the floor, causing a few laughs, and those of us there chased them down more laughs picking them up, however in the end all were accounted for.

We had 35 players for the 21st of June, including 2 visiting players in **Thea Stroop** and **Dee Lukey** they were made very welcome and we hope they had a good time. Four of our 35 players played for free they were **Thea Stroop** (one of our visitors), **Babette van Dijk**, **Ria Nissen** and **Bill Deugd**, all well done. The Cadbury Favourite Chocolates went to **Henk Smit**, the Neerlandia sponsored Ferrero Chocolates went to **Lillian Zuiderveld** we also had 2 bottles of wine donated as prizes by **Riet Oorschot**; they were won by **Tinnie Deugd** and **Janke Raayen**.

In game 1 **Babette van Dijk** won a Full House, \$25.00 in 54 balls (That would have won the jackpot). The Bonus Full House of \$50.00 went to **Rose Groos** in 60 balls (1 more than required for the jackpot). In game 3, balls went flying from the barrel and there was a false call as well. In game 4 more balls flew from the barrel, but eventually the Full House was won by **Connie van Emden** (2 more than required for the jackpot). In game 5, **Henk Smit** had the 3 left end numbers, the Full House went to **Tinnie Deugd**. **Babette van Dijk** had another win. **Tinnie Deugd** picked up her second Full House, \$25.00 in game 7. We had two players win the Full House in game 9 they were **Ineke Balde** and **Freda Hovingh**, each receiving \$12.50 each. In the Jackpot game, which failed to go off within the required 59 balls, the Full House of \$35.00 was won by **John van Gentevoort** in 63 balls so close. Once again we had a day full of fun and a lot of laughs, with some players having multiple wins and some prizes with multiple winners.

Game Results – Bingo played on 5 July 2023.

It was another day with many winners sharing prizes and a lot of unintended mishaps, which made the day all the more fun and enjoyable. The Full House game for the first 2 games of the day were both won and shared between 2 players. Game 1 was between **Babette van Dijk** and **George van Beek**, who both collected \$12.50,



The Bingo pages

which recovered the cost of their game book. Game 2 was split between **Marion Gerritsen and Bernie Uyen**, who were sitting opposite each other. There was a claim of collusion, which of course could not be substantiated. Again, both received \$12.50 as their prize. In both games 4 and 5, the Full House games were won within the 60 balls needed for the Jackpot game. Unfortunately, it wasn't the Jackpot game or else they would have walked away with \$185.00. In game 4, **Janke Raayen** called Bingo on 57 balls and received \$35.00. In game 5, **Janke Raayen** was on a winning streak, as she had the 3 left hand numbers in just 9 balls. The full house game was won by a visitor, **Amber van Dijk**, the granddaughter of Babette van Dijk. She too could have won the Jackpot, if it had been in play as she called bingo right on the 60th ball. It was **Janke Raayen's** day as she was one of the players playing for free by receiving \$10.00 as her lucky number was drawn out just after lunch. The other 3 players were **Riet Oorschot, Janice Raffaele, and Jenny Norder**. The box of Cadbury Chocolates was won by Henk Smit, who immediately shared it around the players. That was the second time in a row. Lucky for you Henk! The Neerlandia sponsored box of Ferrero Chocolates was won by **Michelle Groos**, in absence, as **Rose Groos** was playing on her behalf. In game 6, the multiple winners continued. This time the Full House was won by 4 players. It could have been different as a false call was made 2 balls earlier, but that player had marked off number 73 which had not been called. The lucky four were **Ali Deurlo, Greta van Sant, Jo van Gentevoort and Marion Gerritsen**, her second win on the day.

In game 9 there was yet another prize shared between 2 players. The three Right Hand Numbers were won by **Dora van der List and Wilhelmina Keisler**. The Jackpot Game carries over to yet another game. It took 66 balls instead of 60. Hence, **Janice Raffaele** collected the Full House prize of \$35.00 leaving the \$150.00 Jackpot to carry over to the next game. During the day, the cold weather must have had an effect on both the hosts as both John & Louis made a several gaffes, calling out wrong numbers, forgetting something, our voice crackling, getting tongue tied and making the balls jump out of the barrel. As you can see, there is a lot of fun at our Bingo games and there are lots of opportunities to have a small win.

Whilst winning is always an exciting part of your day, the fun and laughter had during the day, makes your day out so much more enjoyable. Why not join us at our next game.



Game Results – Bingo played on 19 July 2023.

On the 19th July we had 35 players which was very pleasing as it was a very cold morning, but the day turned into an enjoyable one, whereon errors were made causing quite a bit of amusement. We welcomed two visitors **Gunther & Lisa Gorman**, who were over here on holiday from the East.

Lisa Gorman & Berny Uyen shared the Top Line prize of \$10.00 in 37 balls well done. **George van Beek** took out \$35.00 in the Full House game 4 well done. **Anne Holamby** won the Full House \$25.00 in game 5, it was her second win. There were 4 free game winners, they were **Jenny Norder, Riet Orschot Lillian Zuiderveld and Michelle Groos**, well done all. The Cadbury

Favourite Chocolates went to **Louise Loomans** and the Neerlandia sponsored Ferrero Chocolates went to **Leo Steyntjes**, well done to both. There were 3 winners for the Full House in game 6, **John van Gentervoort, Rose Groos** and **Ineke Balde**. The Bonus Full House \$50.00 in game 7 was won by **Michelle Groos**.

In game 8 **Riet Oorschot** took out the Full House \$25.00 in 61 balls unfortunately, it wasn't the jackpot game. **Jenny Norder** won the 3 right end numbers in game 9 with balls 50, 70 and 82 for \$10.00, the Full House \$25.00 was taken out by **Lisa Gorman** her 2nd win. The Jackpot failed to go off in the required 61 balls, however, on the very ball, ball 62, the Full House of \$35.00 went to **Lisa Gorman** and it was a very lucky day for **Lisa**, that was her 3rd win of the day. All in all it was a great day and we look forward to having more fun in the future and if you would like some of the same come and join us, it can only add to the overall enjoyment.

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**Notice for our 54th Annual General Meeting (AGM)
Sunday 15th October 2023 at Wotton Reserve, EMBLETON – 2:00 PM –
(Doors open 1:00 PM)**

Notice is hereby given that the 54th A.G.M. for Dutch Society Neerlandia of WA Inc, will be held in the club rooms of Morley-Windmills on Wotton Reserve, EMBLETON, on Sunday 15th October 2023, starting at 2:00 PM.

In accordance with Neerlandia's Constitution, all Committee positions will be declared vacant at the 2023 AGM.

The sitting Committee Members are:

President: John Zwartkruis

Vice-President: Machiel van der Stelt

Secretary: Vacant

Treasurer: Henry Koldenhoven

Committee Members (9 of 9): Toon Kamps, Hanny Kamps, Karin Eastwood-Helder, Alida Reitzenstein, Babette van Dijk, Helen Levy, Jeannette Kuiper, & Peter van der Wedden.

"Nominations for the entire Committee are now called for from Members and must be received by our Secretary before the 16th of September 2023. (Closing date is 28 days before the AGM)".

A Nomination Form is included with this magazine and are also available from existing Committee Members. (Contact details page 27.)

Please note that any candidate can only be nominated for 1 position on the Committee.

The following sitting Members have re-nominated for their same positions.

President: John Zwartkruis

Vice-President: Machiel van der Stelt

Secretary: Vacant

Treasurer: Henry Koldenhoven

8 out of 9 Committee Members: Toon Kamps, Hanny Kamps, Alida Reitzenstein, Babette van Dijk, Helen Levy, Jeannette Kuiper, and Peter van der Wedden.

An Agenda will be issued on the day, including a proposed Rule Book for members.

NOTICE OF A SPECIAL RESOLUTION.

A Special Resolution will be presented to make a small alteration to our constitution. All Members present will be asked to vote on this resolution and it will require a 75% majority vote to pass.

This Special Resolution is to correct a typographical error. Currently the Constitution reads:

Division 1 — Membership (Currently states)

4. Eligibility for membership

- (1) Any person who supports the objects or purposes of the Association is eligible to apply to become a member.
- (2) An individual who has not reached the age of **15 years** is not eligible to apply for a class of membership that confers full voting rights.

Proposed amendment.

Division 1 — Membership

4. Eligibility for membership

- (1) Any person who supports the objects or purposes of the Association is eligible to apply to become a member.
- (2) An individual who has not reached the age of **18 years** is not eligible to apply for a class of membership that confers full voting rights.

The Rule Book for Members.

This will allow your Committee to deal with transgressions, misbehaviours, illegal actions, and similar misdemeanours.

The current Constitution makes no comments about such matters and when the latest Constitution was adopted in 2019, the Rule Book that was in place at that time, was also dissolved. Hence, we now will recreate this Rule Book which is Common Sense based and gives your Committee the authority to deal with situations that require remediation. We hope of course that these rules will never need to be relied upon, as each member's behaviours are as expected, in a normal law-abiding community.

We encourage all members to attend.

Members attending the AGM will receive a free drink voucher.

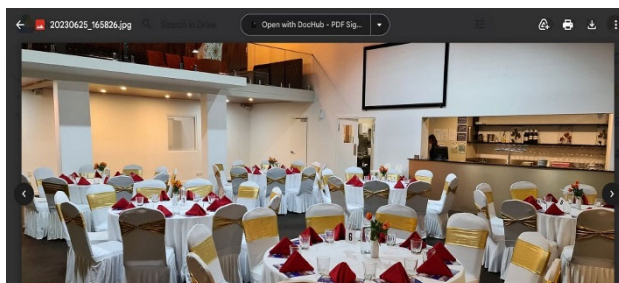
Warmest Regards,
John Zwartkruis, President

Celebration Dinner at our Old Clubhouse in Wembley

A Knight to Remember

Fifty-four years of the joy, struggle, survival and resilience of Dutch Society Neerlandia was rewarded and celebrated on 25 June 2023 in the former club house at 230 Cambridge Street, Wembley.

A select group of Neerlandia members were invited to a dinner at the former Dutch clubhouse.



For many this was the first visit to the building after the club moved to Myaree in January 2016.

Ten tables were set and festively decorated in the big hall, and we all had a set seating. Everyone was happy to see each other and admired the beautiful renovations that were done to the old clubhouse. Yes, everyone was looking forward to the night.

The ex-clubhouse main hall looked fantastic.

President John Zwartkruis welcomed all present and a special welcome was made for Dutch Ambassador

Mrs. Marion Derckx and Honorary Consul and Neerlandia Patron Mr Anthony Willinge.

Although some of us were surprised to have such VIPs amongst us, no-one thought too much about it and continued listening to John's speech. John explained that the Committee had decided to say thank you to executive office bearers of the past and the present and to treat these dedicated Neerlandia Members to this evening out.

A charming and touching detail was that surviving spouses of Presidents, Vice-Presidents, Secretaries and Life-Members had also been invited to share the joy.

All names were called out and ripples of emotion went through the audience when yet another name of a late member was mentioned: so many fun memories, so much to reminisce.

After this walk down memory lane, John continued with introducing that night's dinner: As it was winter and as this was the Dutch Club, we would be treated to an appropriate Dutch meal. And indeed, red cabbage, mashed potatoes and hachee; spruitjes and boontjes – it was a true feast of traditional Dutch cooking. Conversations continued while Andre Rieu music played in the background.

Once everyone had finished the main meal, John returned to the microphone to talk a bit more about the past, present and the future of the club while it became slowly but certainly clear to all of us that the lime light had been directed to Piet Leeftang – a co-founder of Neerlandia and currently editor of the Neerlandia magazine. Listening to John it became obvious that Piet's energy, his commitment and strong belief in the Dutch Club, had played a major role in the existence of the club, which is still alive and kicking.

A quick summary of Neerlandia's history: after the Constitution was drawn up, Dutch Society Neerlandia of WA Inc was incorporated in 1969. Then, through raising of debentures, seeking donations and a bank loan, "Neerlandia" managed to purchase its own clubhouse at 230 Cambridge Street, Wembley. It was October 1972.

For the next 40 years, "Neerlandia" continued to provide a variety of social functions and a home away from home for its members and friends. Over the years though membership aged, maintenance of the building increased in cost, and it became increasingly difficult to find volunteers to efficiently run the club and its functions.

This led to the next generation "Neerlandia". The value of the actual clubhouse had increased significantly over the years, so when the building was sold in January 2017, a substantial capital became available to "Neerlandia" and was subsequently invested for future growth. The club's activities had by then moved to the Rhein Donau Club in Myaree, where "Neerlandia" had become a permanent tenant the year before.

In nearly every stage of "Neerlandia's" 54 years, Piet had been a force, be it as President, Vice President, Secretary, Bar Manager or Advisor.

Celebration Dinner at our Old Clubhouse in Wembley



Ambassador Marion Derckx.

Then followed the biggest surprise of the evening - Piet's efforts were being recognised by His Majesty King Willem-Alexander of The Netherlands.

Ambassador Marion Derckx got up and, on behalf of the King, presented Piet with the **decoration of Knight of the Order of Orange Nassau**; Piet was knighted as a recognition for his efforts in founding Dutch Society Neerlandia and being a driving force to keep the club going for 54 years.

The guests were quiet, very quiet as we all realised that we were witnessing something very special indeed. Once we realised what we had just witnessed, loud applause rose from the tables, many wiped away a tear and both Piet & Joke Leeftang were speechless.



The big moment, the medal is presented.

But everyone who knows Piet will appreciate that Piet's silence didn't last long. His impromptu speech would have made many a listener envious as it was with flair, surprise and emotion, but also with wit and quick thinking that Piet off the cuff expressed his gratitude for this royal honour and recognition.

The Ambassador presented Joke with a Delft Blue plate and a hamper full of mainly Dutch delicacies was presented by John.



Joke receives the Delft Blue Plate.

What a fantastic happening this dinner turned out to be.

After the emotions had faded, and while dessert was served (vanilla pudding with strawberries and cream) Piet went to visit each table to show his newly acquired medal and for many this was the first time to see this royal award up close.

The last part of the evening was a slide show of 54 years "Neerlandia"; needless to say that this again brought back many memories amongst all of us. At nine o'clock that night guests left with smiles on their faces and a heart full of relived memories. It had

been a wonderful night indeed.

On behalf of Neerlandia membership I would like to congratulate Piet and Joke Leeftang for the recognition they experienced on 25 June 2023. Thank you both so much for your dedication, your commitment and your energy spent for, with and in "Neerlandia".

I would also like to thank the current Neerlandia Committee for organising this fantastic evening. And also a big thank you to those Neerlandia members who worked towards Piet's Knighthood. John Zwartkruis, in closing also thanked the Ambassador and presented 3 books: The Batavia, South Western Australia and the Dutch Community in WA.

Last but not least, on behalf of the Neerlandia Community, I would like to say thank you to Mrs Marion Derckx for the times that she visited a club event. Mrs Derckx has left her position as Dutch Ambassador to Australia and on behalf of all of us I would like to wish you health, wisdom and "veel plezier" in the next stage of your life.

Neerlandia forever!

Lianna Parker, Life Member



Piet's acceptance speech.



The Ambassador with Piet, proudly wearing his medal, with his wife Joke.

Medal presentation at our Old Clubhouse



Anthony Willinge our Hon. Consul, approaches, carrying an interesting blue box.



The medal up close.



Piet you better carry that box, it is way too heavy for Joke.



(During the evening many

Everyone of the invited guests enjoyed being back at the old Club-House. They also loved the medal presentation as well as each others company.



Roll of Honour at our Dinner at our Old Clubhouse



The present Neerlandia Committee.



The referees that made it all happen for Piet.



Present and ex-presidents that are still with us.



Those Life Members that are still with us.



The Ambassador with Piet's family.



Spouses of some Life Members, who are no longer with us.



A few of the many hard-working volunteers.



The President's closing address ends a successful evening no one expected.

The July and August Sunday Drives

Report on the July Sunday Klaverjas Drive.

This Klaverjas Drive was held on Sunday the 2nd of July and we expected a good number of players.

However, several players had family commitments and a couple were in hospital! We wish those that were not well, a speedy recovery.

We still had 14 players, which means 3 tables + two extra players.

In order to let everyone participate in the competition and win a prize, we once again decided to double up with 2 couples, each person of the couple playing only 2 games each, instead of the customary 4 games.

Those that volunteered to do so were John Z. and Pieter L. and Joke L. and Elly S. This worked well as it assisted with the cleaning and washing up, and it freed up one committee member to collect the lunches, which was done by John Z.

On arrival everyone enjoyed a cup of coffee or tea with delicious almond cookies, obtained from Gilberts in Hilton.

After a tense struggle the winners were announced. They were:

1st Prize: Joke L & Elly S. 7087 points
2nd Prize: Thea Stroop 6797 points
3rd Prize: Keith Vermeulen 6654 points

Congratulations to the four winners. If you missed out, better luck next time.

Pieter Leeftang.

Report on the August Sunday Klaverjas Drive.

On Sunday the 6th of August we expected to have 4 tables, but that was a bit too optimistic, as a few people could not make it due to illness. This included Joke L, who always makes sure the members get their coffee or tea with something extra at the right time.

However, there are always others who are ready and willing to step up to help out. A big thank-you goes to Thea and Elly for their assistance with the washing up and cleaning up.

In the end we finished up with 12 players, which meant we had 3 complete tables.

At 11.00am, the battle to get the highest score was on the way, which was only interrupted when John came back with the Subway lunches. The water was already boiling for a cuppa and the only noise one could hear was the crunching of the salad in the food.

The battle continued and when the scores came in we noticed they were not very high. However, a winner is a winner and the results were:

1st Prize: Elly Schenkelaars 6745 points
2nd Prize: Joe Smit 6531 points
3rd Prize: Babette van Dijk 6654 points

Congratulations to those who won. Did you



The Winners, l.t.r.: Elly Schenkelaars & Joke Leeftang, 1st prize; Keith Vermeulen, 3rd prize; and Thea Stroop 2nd Prize.



The Winners, l.t.r.: Elly Schenkelaars 1st prize; Joe Smit, 2nd prize; Babette van Dijk 3rd Prize.

Member's Birthdays and New Members



ATTENTION ALL KLAVERJAS PLAYERS.

There will only be 2 more Sunday Drives this year. They will be on:

**Sunday the 10th of September and
on Sunday the 3rd of December**

The reason for this is:

**There will be No Sunday Drive in
October due to the Octoberfest.**

**There will also be no Sunday Drive in
November, as on the 6th, kitchen
equipment and food will be relocated
from the kitchen to the Karl's Bar.**

**Kitchen renovations will start the next
day. Other Sundays in November are
booked.**

NEERLANDIA WELCOMES THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS.

**Michelle More
Robert More
Francina Colley
Wiebe Tielleman
Shirley van Kwawegen**



**LOOK !
No nose rings
No Tattoos
No ripped jeans
No Pink hair**

**Just grace
and
elegance.**



**A time when men were
men, women were women
and we liked it that way**

**The following Members
will celebrate their Birthday
during the month of
September 2023. We wish
them all a very Happy
Birthday.**

Wes Lenghaus
Henk Hanemaaijer
Rose-Marie McNamara
Victoria Vrolijk
Machiel van der Stelt
Nelly Maarssen
Kaye Wegman
Grady Uyen
Doreen Zarb
Pieter Hoedemaker
Jenny Geurts
Louis James
Hans op den Dries
Jan Gunnink
Trish King
Derk Blom
Wilhelmina Keisler
Toos Indrisie
Eddy van Praag
Sonja Huriwai
Ann Verhoogt
Johanna Kempen

**If your birthday is not
mentioned, or you would
like to change the details,
that can be arranged.
To make changes you need
to send an E-mail to the
editor:**

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De BoekHoek

This column is normally written in the Dutch language as we discuss and recommend Dutch language books that are added to the collection we have presently available for our members. Yet, this article is about how we rescued the Neerlandia library for our interested following.



When we still had our own building, we were able to provide our members a designated reading area. A chair, a table and an environment that was inviting to read a book, to borrow one or just finger through the pages.

A driving force in the last few years of the old building was the late Mies Devilée who understood the importance of having a Dutch language books collection in Perth. It was her initiative to invite members of the Dutch Community who travelled to The Netherlands, to return to Perth with a latest issue of a book of their own choice to donate to the Neerlandia Library.

This was readily and enthusiastically received by the greater Dutch Community. Hence, we were able to build an extensive and interesting collection of Dutch language books. It was for this reason that after her passing, the library was named “The Neerlandia Mies Library”.

After the Dutch Club moved to its current location at the Rhein Donau Club, we were given a pleasant space with lots of bookshelves and so we shared a library area with RDC’s books. As she had done before the move, Mies would be at the club house in Myaree an hour before the Maas & Waal Drinks and exhibited 20 books or so on long tables to make the patrons aware of the books available to them.

A logistic problem developed however, when it became clear that on the Friday nights the whole area around the library is occupied by active members of the RDC Shooting Club. This meant that on those Fridays the library was not available to the public. This was obviously a big set-back. An additional problem appeared over time when the library became a storage room for the Seniors’ Thursday equipment.

As the books were now not available any longer and difficult to reach, no-one came to borrow and as no books were borrowed, the committee assumed that the Dutch Community is not interested in reading Dutch books. On top of that RDC wanted its space back. What to do? Where to go with our books?

After we approached a variety of libraries, we found space for our Dutch language books in the library of the City of Vincent, Loftus Street, Leederville. We are currently tidying up the space at RDC by going through every book to decide, whether it will come with us or whether it will be donated to the Save the children Fund. We have a few criteria to keep a Dutch language book: 1) Dutch author; 2) contemporary/relevant contents; 3) authors mentioned in the **Canon van de Nederlandse letterkunde/Dutch literary Canon, which was compiled in 2002 by members of the Maatschappij der Nederlandse Letterkunde.**

The Canon exists of the 100 (and then some) most classic literary authors and the 125 most classic works in the Dutch language. In 2021 the Canon was updated and consequently Anton de Kom’s: “Wij slaven van Suriname” was added to the Neerlandia book collection.

No doubt you will share our relief and happiness of having saved about 400 titles that will be, before too long, available again in Vincent. Not just to Neerlandia members, but also to the greater community, be it friends and guests visiting Perth or adolescents studying Dutch as an ATAR subject.

Meanwhile we will continue to review books and tell you about them. Don’t forget that you can listen and download “audible Public Domain books” for free through a website, which Machiel discovered on the Internet. Please contact him if you are interested in using this free, fascinating facility. Machiel is on: mvdstelt@gmail.com It goes without saying that we will keep you updated on the progress of the move to the beautiful, light, user friendly library in the City of Vincent with ample free parking available.

Questions or Feedback? Please contact us directly:

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Een groet,
Machiel & Lianna

In Memoriam and Ditjes and Datjes

In Memoriam

Passed away on 21 July

Rolf de Groot

Rolf, a School teacher, has been a long-time Member of the Dutch Society Neerlandia (as well as the RDC.)

An interesting fact is that the Railway room at the RDC is named in his honor and Rolf's uncle was the Hon. Dutch Ambassador of WA in the 1960's.

Our sincere condolences to Tony & his family from the Dutch Society Neerlandia.

May he rest in peace.

Passed away on 4 August

Shirley Dercksen

Shirley was the wife of the late Thom Dercksen, who passed away in March 2016.

Thom Dercksen was Hon. Dutch Consul in Perth during the 1970's as well as our Club Patron.

Sincere condolences to her 3 daughters and their families from the Dutch Society Neerlandia

May she rest in peace

Passed away on 13 August

Henk Uyen

Henk has been a long-time Member of Dutch Society Neerlandia

Sincere condolences to his family from the Members of Neerlandia, the Senior's Club and the Bingo Club. His bubbling personality will forever be remembered.

Henk, rest in peace

Nederlandstalige Rondleiding in the Art Gallery of WA.



De volgende Nederlandstalige rondleiding word gedaan op zaterdagmiddag 21 Oktober om 2 uur. Je moet je wel opgeven via de website. Je zal dan een gratis kaartje krijgen. Maar een rondleiding voor een groepje geïnteresseerden kan ook gedaan worden. Op de website van The Art Gallery of Western Australia staat, dat je die vier weken van tevoren kunt aanvragen."

Request by one of our members.

A few years ago in the Neerlandia Magazine you published a recipe how to make Boerenkool, which was definitely fantastic. I have made it successfully a few times but now I have lost it, I think forever I tried to make it relying on my memory but unfortunately.....

Maybe someone else has saved that recipe out of the magazine ? If so I would like a copy.

Leonie Willson

E-mail: leoniewillson@gmail.com

(Your editor has looked through the 2016 and 2017 magazines, when the late Joop den Haan published quite a few Dutch recipes, but no luck.)

Our 54th Anniversary celebrations

Neerlandia 54th Anniversary Lunch



On Sunday 30th July, Neerlandia celebrated its 54th Anniversary in grand style, with more than 110 people in attendance. The appeal was an Indonesian Rijsttafel, and our ever-reliable Chef Bobby, did not disappoint.

This large number was specially bolstered by the van 't Sant family, with 4 generations represented through 10 adults and 7 children all under 10.

The children were accommodated with colouring-in books and

games. Of course, children being children, they were seen running which was observed by many a member with a smile on their faces.

They rejoiced in seeing youth at play, just as they remembered their own children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

After the welcome address, which included the announcement of the special award given to Piet Leeftang, members were invited to the buffet table by table. This certainly avoided long queues. There was enough food for everyone and the observance of limits of Sate Sticks ensured everyone was able to enjoy some.

During the Buffet, a video was played which captured many memories of the various events and activities that were held over the years at our old Club House in Cambridge Street, Wembley. This was followed by a photographic display of the special event held on the 25th of June at which Piet Leeftang received his Dutch Knighthood (Ridder in de Orde van Oranje-Nassau).

Further entertainment was shown using videos used for the Karaoke just before Easter. This was good background music, but judging by the noise in the hall, everyone was deeply involved in conversations with friends, and this additional entertainment may not have been necessary. When the main course was finished, dessert was



This desert is Yummy.

20 different buildings and/or their location. They were all buildings in The Netherlands, and quite a few had appeared on the front cover of our Neerlandia Magazine. Nevertheless, this proved to be quite a challenge for many.



This is better than snow, which I believe is very cold!



The Buffet Rijsttafel, prepared by Chef Bobby, was excellent.

presented. Believing many were already satisfied with what they ate for the main course, the President invited people to come to the Buffet again for Apple strudel and Bread & Butter Pudding. Well, his judgement was off the mark as everyone came forward to get their helping of this delicious dessert. Consequently, a long queue followed.

Once everyone had eaten their dessert, a pictorial quiz followed.

Members were asked to identify



Quiz-master John.

Our 54th Anniversary celebrations



Great winners with lots of correct answers.

The eventual winner with 15.5 correct answers was Alie Deurlo, who won a Cyclamen Pot Plant. Second place was Marion Gerritsen with 14 correct answers and third prize went to Marjorie Bly with 10.5 correct answers, only half a point ahead of 2 others who had 10 out of 20 correct. Marion & Marjory both won some chocolates for their efforts.

To finish this wonderful day, we held our Jumbo Raffle with 38 prizes to be won, meaning 1 in 3 people would go home with a prize. Again, the most treasured prize, of a bottle of Advocaat, was left as the last prize. So many of the early prize winners would have preferred that prize instead of the ones they did win. That unfortunately remains the Luck of The Draw.

(Editor: For those readers, who would like to purchase a Zwarte Kip bottle of Advocaat, please contact Lianna Parker. See details on page 28.)

By now, the time had gone 4 o'clock and it was time to go home. However before doing so, the kitchen staff were brought out to receive their ovation for a job well done. Our events cannot be the success they are if we didn't have the great support from our kitchen in providing excellent food.

It was clear from all the comments received that everyone had enjoyed the day and had a wonderful day out meeting up with old friends.

John Zwartkruis.



Loss of prizes to be won.



John with a couple of young helpers drew the raffle.



Members of the Junior Club had a lucky day as they won quit a few Raffle prizes.



Piet was just getting up to take a few more shots when a Member took his camera and said: "You are always taking pictures of others for the magazine, now it is my turn to take one of you and your friends."



These cute young Members of the van't Sant family had their own decorated booth complete with games, toys and colouring-in books to keep them occupied. They also collected a few raffle prizes.

Joining the local Golf Club.



A Scottish Jew decided to retire and take up golf, so he applied for membership at a local golf club. About a week later he received a letter that his application has been rejected. He went to the club to inquire as to why.

Secretary: "You are aware that this is a Scottish golf club?"

Scot: "Aye, but I am as Scottish as you are, my name is MacTavish."

Secretary: "Do you know that on formal occasions we wear a kilt?"

Scot: "Aye, I do know, and I wear a kilt too."

Secretary: "You are also aware, that we wear nothing under the kilt?"

Scot: "Aye, and neither do I."

Secretary: "Are you also aware, that the members sit naked in the steam room?"

Scot: "Aye, I also do the same."

Secretary: "But you are a Jew?"

Scot: "Aye, I be that."

Secretary: "So, being Jewish, you are circumcised, is that correct?"

Scot: "Aye, I be that, too."

Secretary: "I am terribly sorry, but the members just would not feel comfortable sitting in the steam room with you, since your privates are different from theirs."

Scot: "Ach, I know that you have to be a Protestant to march with the Order of the Orangemen. And I know that you have to be a Catholic to join the Knights of Columbus. But this is the first time I've heard that you have to be a complete prick to join a golf club!!"



The widow and her three wishes.

A still good-looking widow bought an antique from a shop and brought it home. As she was polishing it up a genie burst from it and said: "You have awakened me from my slumber! I shall now grant you three wishes!"

The widow asked for a cottage in the country. The genie nodded his head, and suddenly she found herself holding the deed to a little place outside of town.

The widow then asked for enough money to be wealthy for the rest of her days. The genie nodded and suddenly they were surrounded by piles of money.

"You have one more wish," the genie said. The widow pointed to her pet cat and said, "Ever since my dear husband died this cat has been my faithful companion. Please, turn him into a handsome young man who will make love to me just as my husband did."

The genie nodded and disappeared. Suddenly there was an extremely handsome young man standing where her cat used to be.

The woman gasped with joy, but the man just glared at her and said: "Well, I bet you're very sorry you got me neutered."

Two elderly friends catching up.

Two elderly ladies had been friends for decades. Over the years, they partook in many activities and had adventures together. Lately, their activities have been limited to meeting a few times a week to play cards.

One day when they were playing cards, one

May a bit of Humour light up your Day



looked at the other and said: “Now don’t get mad at me – I know we’ve been friends for a long time, but I just can’t think of your name. I’ve thought and thought, but I can’t remember it. Please tell me what it is.” Her friend glared at her for a few minutes before replying: “How soon do you need to know?”

antacids?”
”Absolutely.”
”Do you sell wheelchairs and walkers?”
”All speeds and sizes.”
”Good,” Bob says to the pharmacist.
”We’d like to register for our wedding gifts here, please.”



Three friends are at a bar.

Three friends are at a bar talking amongst themselves when one begins to sob.

The first friend says “David, what is the matter with you?”

David says: “Oh George, it is terrible. I think my wife is having an affair with the electrician. Last week I came home and found wire cutters under our bed and they weren’t mine.”

George takes a sip of his beer and then turns to see his other friend Simon looking downcast.

George asks: “So what’s the matter with you?”

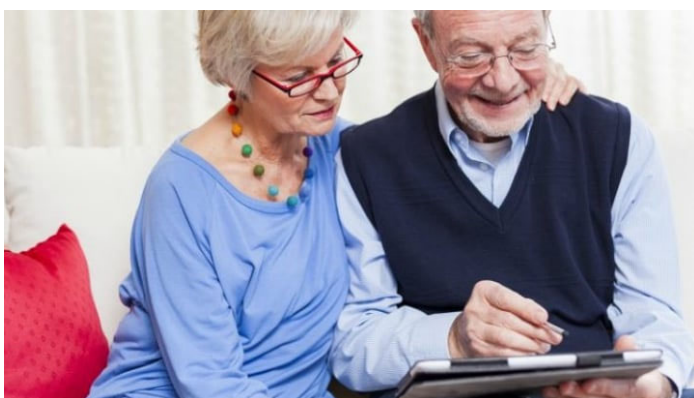
Simon says: “I think my wife is having an affair with the plumber. This week I found a wrench under the bed and it wasn’t mine.”

George downs the rest of his beer and says: “You won’t believe this pals, but I think my wife is having an affair with a horse.”

Both his friends look at him with utter disbelief.

Simon says: “This is not the time for a joke pal.”

George says: “No I’m serious. Yesterday I came home and found a jockey under our bed.”



The Wedding Registry.

Bob and Mary are getting married. The 92-year-old couple decide to go on a stroll to take a break from their wedding planning.

While on their stroll, they pass by a chemist and decide to stop in.

Bob asks to speak to the pharmacist. He explains they’re about to get married, and asks: “Do you sell heart medication?”

”Of course we do,” the pharmacist replies.

”Medicine for rheumatism?”

”Definitely,” he says.

”How about Viagra?”

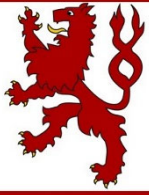
”Of course.”

”Medicine for memory problems, arthritis, jaundice?”

”Yes, the works.”

What about vitamins, sleeping pills, Geritol,

Vaals, the Town with 3 international borders



Flag & Coat of Arms of Vaals.

Vaals is a town in the extreme South/Eastern part of the Dutch province of Limburg, in the foothills of the Ardennes–Eifelrange. The most interesting point about this Town is that just outside the Town are the borders of 3 Countries, The Netherlands, Belgium and Germany. This site is called Drielandenpunt (Three Countries point) and it has become an international

tourist drawcard. It also happens to be the highest point in the Netherlands called the "Vaalserberg", (the Vaal's mountain.) Their dialect is a part of the Middle German Dialects and is a form of Dutch most deviant from Standard Dutch. (In other words even if one speaks Dutch, you would not understand it)

History:

In Roman times, the south of the Dutch province of Limburg was a densely populated part of the Roman empire. The name of Vaals comes from Latin 'vallis', which means Valley.

Vaals has been inhabited for a very long time. Near the *Vijlener Forest*, archeological traces have been found that indicate that the area was inhabited as early as 5000 BC.

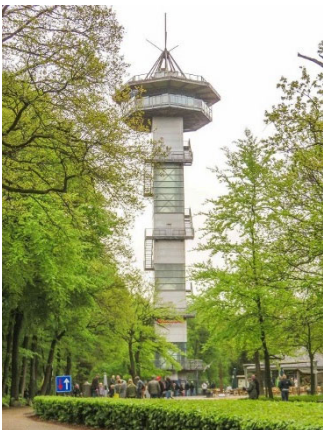
In the mid 1600's many wealthy citizens moved to Vaals and turned it into a prosperous industrial hub. But with wars and border

closures, Vaals then turned from a wealthy industrial Town into a leisure and holiday destination for the citizens of Aachen, slightly resembling Monte Carlo because of its readily available casinos.

Germans visit Vaals on a daily basis. With the open borders, many inhabitants of Vaals have work in Aachen.

Tourism:

These days, Vaals is a 100 % tourist site, gathering its income mostly from German, Belgian and international tourists, as well as being a shopping Paradise. In fact, the Village of Vaals can be interpreted as a Dutch suburb to the German City of Aachen as more than 1/4 of inhabitants are German nationals.



This High Outlook tower with lift overlooks 3 countries.



The rolling hills of the countryside around Vaals. It is the highest area in the Netherlands.

Vaals, the Town with 3 international borders



Part of the Drielandenpunt entertainment area is this Maze, the largest in the Netherlands.

Three-Border-Point:

This area, only 5 km outside Vaals, has been made in an attractive area for tourism with restaurants, the largest Maze in the Netherlands, with a Dutch as well as a German look-out tower.

Attractive holiday accommodation is plentiful and it is also a starting point for hikes, cycling tours and lots of other activities. The German City of Aachen is also only 5km from Vaals.



View over 3 countries from the top.

Vaals:

Vaals has a good range of shops, including clothing, shoes, toy and gift-stores. Most of the stores are along the Maastrichterlaan, the main road through town.

There's a fairly large **weekly market** on Tuesday mornings, in front of the town hall.

During the tourist season (in summer time), a **regional products market** is held every second Saturday in the evenly numbered weeks. It's small but sells local products like mustard and jams that make good souvenirs. Horse Carriage tours are also available to see the Town and surrounding sights at leisure.

Compiled from the Internet by Pieter Leeftang.



Plenty Shopping outlets in Vaals.



Attractive streetscapes are welcoming.



Great Catholic Church.

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(Presently stocks are low at Nicks)



CODE WORD PUZZLE

A Codebreaker is a crossword puzzle with no clues! Every letter of the alphabet is replaced by a number.

For these puzzles, **two or three** letters are revealed. Start with entering these throughout the puzzle, start to guess your first word or letter. Use a pencil to start, then if it does not workout, you can erase it and start again.

Some letters, e.g. the letters E and A and S can occur more often then others e.g. the letters Q, X or Z.

Results of last month's Bonus TOP CODEWORD.

This puzzle was not a pushover at all and it was not easy to find the first 3 words. But once the words: **Atla, Text and Assessed** were found, the rest became easier.

The letter codes for last month's Top Codebreaker were as follows:

A=26; B=12; C=7; D=4; E=20;
F=21; G=8; H=9; I=2; J=19; K=11;
L=14; M=22; N=15; O=18; P=3;
Q=5; R=10; S=17; T=16; U=25;
V=13; W=23; X=1; Y=6; Z=24.

Results of last month's Bonus BOTTOM CODEWORD.

This puzzle was not easy either. It took me a while to find the first three words, but after that it was smooth sailing. The first three words I found were: **Sacrosant, Extras and Flapjack.**

The letter codes for last month's bottom Codebreaker were as follows:

A=8; B=16; C=15; D=12; E=24;
F=7; G=9; H=20; I=4; J=14; K=6;
L=3; M=23; N=25; O=2; P=1;
Q=22; R=26; S=18; T=13; U=17;
V=11; W=21; X=10; Y=19; Z=5.

Two Bonus Code-Word Puzzles

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	18		8				15		22		21			
24	4	17	12	7	5	4		23	16	24	1	3	7	2
			12		1		7				25		21	
20	1	21	2	1	14		10	24	1	25	25	7	22	7
	3				25		21		25		4		4	
11	1	22	8	12	9		12	25	25	7	5	4	24	9
	18		12		15		11		24		22		3	
2	12	6	21	8	7	14	14		1	5	4	22	7	5
	21		15		21		4		16		2		19	

CODE WORD PUZZLE.

A **Codebreaker** is a crossword puzzle with no clues! Every letter of the alphabet is replaced by a number.

For this puzzle **three** letters are revealed. Start with entering these throughout the puzzle and then start to guess your first word or letter. Use a pencil to start, then if it does not work out, you can erase and start again.

Some letters, e.g. the letters E and A and S occur more often than others e.g. the letter X or Z.

To find the first three words of last month's Codebreaker was quite easy.

The first 3 words I found were:

***Microphone, Mnemonic and Economy.** Once those 3 words were found, it still was not easy.*

The letter codes for last month's Codebreaker were as follows:

A=14; B=26; C=25; D=13; E=17; F=9; G=3; H=10; I=Y; J=12; K=21; L=5; M=22; N=24; O=2; P=1; Q=6; R=8; S=15; T=18; U=4; V=7; W=16; X=11; Y=19; Z=23.

A B C D E ~~F~~ G H ~~I~~ J K L M N O P Q R S ~~T~~ U V W X Y Z

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
						I						
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
								T			F	

Sudoku Puzzles

The aim of the Sudoku Puzzle is to insert numbers 1-9 in the each row and column; each 3x3 box must also contain a complete set of numbers 1-9.

Sudoku 986 Easy Puzzle

9	1					4		
	3		9					8
8				4				2
3	5							
		2		1	5	7	6	
			3	9		8		
				7		2	5	6
7								
	2					9		

Sudoku 986 Medium Puzzle

				6				
	8			3	7	1		
					2		6	
		3				6		
			2		1			
	7	4	5			9		
	2			8				
1		6		9			8	5

Last month's Sudoku Easy 985 solution.

6	8	2	5	9	3	7	1	4
3	4	9	7	6	1	5	8	2
7	1	5	4	8	2	3	9	6
4	5	1	8	7	6	9	2	3
8	6	3	9	2	5	4	7	1
9	2	7	1	3	4	6	5	8
1	7	6	2	4	9	8	3	5
5	9	4	3	1	8	2	6	7
2	3	8	6	5	7	1	4	9

Last month's Sudoku Medium 985 solution.

2	5	6	4	7	1	3	9	8
7	9	3	8	6	5	1	2	4
4	8	1	9	2	3	5	7	6
3	2	5	6	4	7	9	8	1
6	4	8	1	3	9	7	5	2
9	1	7	2	5	8	6	4	3
1	7	4	3	9	2	8	6	5
8	6	9	5	1	4	2	3	7
5	3	2	7	8	6	4	1	9

